Senate File 2046 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2046 BY DICKEY

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to health care facilities and requirements for
- 2 itemized billing.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

S.F. 2046

- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 147.106A Health care facilities 2 itemized billing.
- 3 1. For purposes of this section, "health care facility"
- 4 means an institution providing health care services; or a
- 5 health care setting, including but not limited to a hospital
- 6 or other licensed inpatient center, an ambulatory surgical
- 7 or treatment center, a skilled nursing center, a residential
- 8 treatment center, a diagnostic center, a laboratory, or an
- 9 imaging center; or a rehabilitation or other therapeutic health
- 10 setting.
- 11 2. If a health care facility, or a third party acting on
- 12 behalf of a health care facility, bills an individual for
- 13 health care services, a notification must be included with
- 14 the bill that advises the individual that upon request the
- 15 individual may obtain an itemized bill at no charge. If the
- 16 individual requests an itemized bill, the health care facility
- 17 or third party shall timely provide the individual with an
- 18 itemized bill which shall be provided in the same manner as the
- 19 original bill, including but not limited to delivery via the
- 20 United States postal service or by electronic mail.
- 21 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 24 This bill provides that if a health care facility, or a third
- 25 party acting on behalf of the health care facility, bills an
- 26 individual for health care services, a notification must be
- 27 included with the bill that advises the individual that upon
- 28 request they may obtain an itemized bill at no charge. If
- 29 requested, the health care facility or third party shall timely
- 30 provide the individual with an itemized bill in the same manner
- 31 as the original bill, including but not limited to delivery
- 32 via the United States postal service or by electronic mail.
- 33 "Health care facility" is defined in the bill.